

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives welcome Martin Bútora, Ph.D., former Slovakian Ambassador to the United States, to Kansas City, Missouri, where he will attend a reception for local dignitaries and community, educational, and business leaders at The Kansas City Club on November 12, 2003; and

Whereas, Martin Bútora and his wife, sociologist Zora Bútorova, Ph.D., are visiting several cities in America to explore business, tourism, culture, and education alliances between Slovakia and the United States; and

Whereas, Martin Bútora served as the Ambassador of the Slovak Republic to the United States from 1999 to 2003, during which time his primary mission was to gain the support of the United States for Slovakia's membership in NATO, and to develop mutual relations between the two countries in politics, economics, and culture; and

Whereas, Martin Bútora is the author of sociological studies and books addressing the building of democracy in Slovakia, foreign policy, civil society, and the sociology and psychotherapy of alcoholism and self-help groups; and

Whereas, Martin Bútora has received several prestigious awards and honors for his efforts on behalf of democracy including the Democracy Service Medal by the National Endowment for Democracy in 1999, the 2002 American Jewish Committee Celebration of Freedom Award, and the 2002 Crystal Wing Special Prize for Diplomacy; and

Whereas, an educator who co-founded Public Against Violence during the 1989 Revolution, Martin Bútora currently serves as the Honorary President and Director of Foreign Policy Studies at the Institute for Public Affairs in Bratislava, Slovakia; and

Whereas, Martin Bútora has been abundantly blessed with the love and admiration of a wonderful family whose members include his devoted wife, Zora Bútorova, and his four children and seven grandchildren:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in welcoming Martin Bútora and his wife, Zora Bútorova, to Kansas City and to the great State of Missouri, and in wishing them much success as they continue their tour of the United States of America:

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. Martin Bútora, as a mark of our great esteem for him.

Offered by _____
Representative Ray Salva
District No. 51

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4567, adopted November 4, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker